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Subject: Re: Fwd: draft Certainty bill
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Bob - Thanks, we will take a look at it. With regard to DE & VA, they both have Federally approved CAFO programs (MD, VA & DE have all been approved since I became RA). They are all different, but they all meet the Federal CAFO requirements.

I will get back to you on the bill.

Shawn

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From: "Bob Summers" [bsummers@mde.state.md.us]
Sent: 02/01/2013 01:17 PM EST
To: Shawn Garvin
Subject: Fwd: draft Certainty bill

Shawn,

Here is the proposed MD Certainty bill. If you can have someone take a look at it and let me know if EPA has any issues with it I would really appreciate it.

There is a lot of concern here, including from the Governor, that the other States, particularly DE and VA, are much more lenient with the poultry industry and farmers and that EPA is not requiring their CAFO permits to be as strong as MD's. Apparently, the Governor has been told by some MD farmers that farmers in DE are not required to do what they are required to do and that MD's poultry industry is put at a significant economic disadvantage. Have DE and VA now updated their CAFO permits to meet current federal standards? If so, does EPA believe they are functionally equivalent (or better) than MD's?

Thanks for your help with this.

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